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1. I MET WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE ANSARY EVENING OF NOVEMBER 30 AND CONVEYED TO HIM SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL IN WRITING. IN GENERAL, ANSARY SAID OUR ORGANIZATIONAL APPROACH AND THE TOPICS SUGGESTED FOR DISCUSSION WERE SATISFACTORY. HE WONDERED, HOWEVER, WHETHER SOME OF THE PROPOSED COMMITTEES MIGHT BE BITING OFF MORE THAN THEY COULD CHEW. SPECIFICALLY, HE WONDERED WHETHER THE COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE COULD ADEQUATELY COVER ALL OF THE TOPICS SUGGESTED. IN THIS CONNECTION WE DISCUSSED THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF SUBGROUPS THAT MIGHT BE FORMED TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC PROBLEMS. IN THE END HE SEEMED SATISFIED THAT WE HAD NO INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEM.

2. IN DWELLING FURTHER ON THE COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE, WHICH HE SAID HE CONSIDERED TO BE POTENTIALLY THE MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL COMMITTEES SUGGESTED, ANSARY SAID THAT DR. MEHRAN WHO IS NUMBER TWO
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IN HIS MINISTRY, WOULD BE APPOINTED TO HEAD THE IRANIAN SIDE OF THE COMMITTEE. BECAUSE OF ITS IMPORTANCE AND

BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULT AND COMPLICATED COORDINATING TASK IRAN WOULD FACE IN FURTHERING THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE, ANSARY URGED THAT THE FIRST MEETING BE HELD IN TEHRAN RATHER THAN WASHINGTON AS WE HAD SUGGESTED. HE ALSO URGED THAT MORE SPECIFIC AND PRECISE MENTION BE MADE OF THE NEED FOR COOPERATING IN DEVELOPING IRAN'S INFRASTRUCTURE AND FOR THE US TO STAKE OUT ITS SHARE OF IRAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN. I SUGGESTED THAT THIS WAS IMPLICIT IN THE AGENDA PROPOSED FOR THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE COMMITTEE BUT AGREED THAT, AS WITH ALL COMMITTEES, WE SHOULD BOTH SEEK MORE PRECISION TO INSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE SESSIONS ARE WELL FOCUSED.

3. AFTER CHECKING WITH DR. ETEMAD, DEPUTY TO THE PRIME MINISTER FOR ATOMIC ENERGY AFFAIRS, HE INFORMED ME THAT THE PROPOSED FIRST MEETING OF THE NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER WOULD NOT BE CONVENIENT, AS IT DOES NOT GIVE ETEMAD ENOUGH LEAD TIME. (ETEMAD IS GOING TO CANADA WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND WILL BE TIED UP UNTIL MID-DECEMBER IN ANY EVENT.) HE SUGGESTED THAT WE PLAN ON A FIRST MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE IN MID-JANUARY AND AGREED THAT WASHINGTON WOULD BE AN ACCEPTABLE VENUE. IN THIS CONNECTION HE REQUESTED TO KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHO WOULD CHAIR THE COMMITTEE ON THE US SIDE.

4. ANSARY'S CONCERN ABOUT SYMMENTRY AND LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION CONTINUED TO BE EVIDENT FROM HIS QUESTIONS ABOUT WHO WEST AND TAFT WERE AND WHAT THEIR RELATIVE RANK WAS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS. I REPLIED THAT I THOUGHT BOTH RANKED SOMEWHERE ABOVE THE STATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL BUT BELOW THE UNDER-SECRETARY LEVEL. HE SEEMED SATISFIED. ANSARY CONCLUDED BY TELLING ME THAT HE WOULD FAN OUT OUR PROPOSALS TO THE CONCERNED GOI MINISTRIES AND AGENCIES AND WOULD LET US KNOW OF THEIR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS SOMETIME AFTER HIS RETURN FROM EUROPE IN MID-DECEMBER. HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT WE AGREED APRIL OUGHT TO BE OUR
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